



24 Main Street, East Berlin

1885

Victorian

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 078

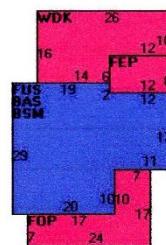
1885 current owner: William & Lois Rustico

Victorian

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1885 current owner: Robert & Karen Rustico

Sketch



**HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES**

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#078

FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM:	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT	IF NR. SPECIFY
<input type="checkbox"/> S	<input type="checkbox"/> NR
<input type="checkbox"/> Actual	
<input type="checkbox"/> Potential	

IDENTIFICATION

1. BUILDING NAME (Common)	(Historic)	
2. TOWN/CITY Berlin	VILLAGE East Berlin	COUNTY Hartford
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location) 24 Main Street	17-2/148/5	
4. OWNER(S) William S. & Rustico, Lois F.	" "	East Berlin 06023 <input type="checkbox"/> Public <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Private
5. USE (Present) Residence	(Historic) Residence	
6. EXTERIOR VISIBLE FROM PUBLIC ROAD ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	INTERIOR ACCESSIBLE <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No	IF YES, EXPLAIN _____
7. STYLE OF BUILDING Victorian Vernacular	DATE OF CONSTRUCTION c. 1885	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Clapboard	<input type="checkbox"/> Asbestos Siding	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Brick foundation <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Asphalt Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Fieldstone
<input type="checkbox"/> Board & Batten	<input type="checkbox"/> Stucco	<input type="checkbox"/> Cobblestone
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Aluminum Siding	<input type="checkbox"/> Concrete	<input type="checkbox"/> Cut stone Type: _____
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Wood frame	<input type="checkbox"/> Post and beam	<input type="checkbox"/> balloon
<input type="checkbox"/> Load bearing masonry	<input type="checkbox"/> Structural iron or steel	
<input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____		
10. ROOF (Type)		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable	<input type="checkbox"/> Flat	<input type="checkbox"/> Mansard <input type="checkbox"/> Monitor <input type="checkbox"/> sawtooth
<input type="checkbox"/> Gambrel	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input type="checkbox"/> Hip <input type="checkbox"/> Round <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____
(Material)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Wood Shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Roll Asphalt	<input type="checkbox"/> Tin <input type="checkbox"/> Slate <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Gable end to the street
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Asphalt shingle	<input type="checkbox"/> Built up	<input type="checkbox"/> Tile <input type="checkbox"/> Other (Specify) _____ <input type="checkbox"/> Ridge parallel to the street
11. NUMBER OF STORIES 2 1/2	APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS 31' x 29'	
12. CONDITION (Structural) (Exterior)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Excellent	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good	<input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated <input type="checkbox"/> Excellent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Good <input type="checkbox"/> Fair <input type="checkbox"/> Deteriorated
13. INTEGRITY (Location) WHEN? (Alterations) IF YES, EXPLAIN		
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> On original site	<input type="checkbox"/> Moved	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES		
<input type="checkbox"/> Barn	<input type="checkbox"/> Shed	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Garage <input type="checkbox"/> Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____
<input type="checkbox"/> Carriage house	<input type="checkbox"/> Shop	<input type="checkbox"/> Garden
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT		
<input type="checkbox"/> Open land	<input type="checkbox"/> Wood-land	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Residential <input type="checkbox"/> Scattered buildings visible from site
<input type="checkbox"/> Commercial	<input type="checkbox"/> Industrial	<input type="checkbox"/> Rural <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> High building density
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS		

Among a diverse collection of mostly 19th-century houses.

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NAME Historic Resource Consultants OFFICE THE "Colt" Armory ADDRESS 65 Van Dyke Avenue Hartford, Connecticut 06106		DATE 12/84	
20 SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATION:			
			

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17 OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)		
	<p>This house is a simple Victorian dwelling with a 2-bay facade and a full-height ell at the right rear. There is an entry on the right which retains its original door with a large light above three panels. A one-story porch extends around to the right to meet the ell. It has a square rail and balusters, small jigsawed post brackets with small drops at the top and bottom, turned posts, and similarly turned engaged posts where it meets the exterior walls of the house. Windows are fitted with 2-over-2 sash; modern siding obscures surround and frame details. There is a semi-circular attic window on the front gable. The cornice has simple jigsawed corner brackets with incised lines and shows no return. To the right is a side entry in the ell.</p>		
SIGNIFICANCE	18 ARCHITECT	BUILDER	
	19 HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE		
<p>Although some of its detailing has been obscured or removed by the installation of later siding, this house is significant for retaining much of its Victorian appearance. The turned posts of the porch and the corner brackets on the main roof cornice are typical of the type of elaborate decorative woodwork made possible in the middle and late 19th century by improvements in woodworking technology. The plan of the house, a relatively narrow front gable with a full-height ell, is also a typical Victorian feature.</p> <p>Historically, the house is significant as one of a number built by the East Berlin Building Company, which included among its principals several major figures in the Berlin Iron Bridge Company. (continued)</p>			

s Berlin Land Records 54: 65(1913)

19. (continued):

During the boom years of the 1880s and 1890s, the Building Company, along with a number of private developers, built a large number of homes in East Berlin to house Berlin Iron Bridge's rapidly expanding workforce. This house was rented out by the Building Company, which retained ownership until 1913.